REMARKS

The Amendment amends claims 5, 6, 19, 23, and 39 cancels claims 37 and 38. Claims 1-36, 39, and 40 are pending.

Applicant submits the references previously numbered as AY, AZ, and BZ on the enclosed IDS. These references should not affect the allowability of the pending claims.

All of the pending claims were indicated as allowable in the Action if certain matters of form were addressed. To that end, claims 6, 7, and 19 are amended to address the Action's objections thereto, and claim 5 is amended to correct antecedence. Claim 39, which was indicated as allowable, has been rewritten in independent form to include claims from which it depended. No new matter has been entered in these amendments.

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For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is patentable over the prior art. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone or in-person conference would advance the prosecution of this case, the undersigned invites such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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